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## **Discovery Research Grants 2018**

**Request for Letters of Intent for EvansMDS  
Strategic Funding Initiative in  
Myelodysplastic Syndromes**

**\$200,000 per year for up to two years**

**Letter of Intent Application Deadline:  
Jan. 31, 2018**

## **EvansMDS 2018 Strategic Funding Initiative**

Founded in 1984, The Edward P. Evans Foundation is a non-profit Charitable Trust dedicated to funding research on Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS) through its EvansMDS initiative. We are seeking to fund the discovery of new knowledge that will lead to the development of better MDS therapies and ultimately, disease cures. EvansMDS is conducting this competitive grant program to identify and fund collaborative, transformative, high impact research into the etiology, pathogenesis, and treatment of MDS. Priority will be given to projects that directly examine key features of MDS rather than general concepts in leukemia, hematopoiesis, aging or immunology.

***Discovery Research Grants (DRGs)*** - EvansMDS will offer several individual research grants of up to \$200,000 for one year, potentially renewable for a second year, to fund highly innovative and novel research. The focus of these awards will be on transformational basic, translational or aspects of clinical research that are directly applicable to the etiology, pathogenesis or treatment of MDS.

The following topics are of specific interest to EvansMDS. Please note that these are only suggestions - *we are most interested in whatever your most exciting ideas might be*. A complete list of previously funded projects is available on [evansmds.org](http://evansmds.org).

- New targets and antigens that distinguish diseased hematopoietic stem cells from healthy cells.
- Analysis of the progression of clonal hematopoiesis to MDS and strategies to intervene, or prevent the pathogenesis of progression.
- What are the obstacles to early diagnosis, treatment, and the cure of MDS, and how might these obstacles be overcome?
- Supplementary research to better understand or clarify the impact of clinical studies showing significant promise for the treatment of MDS.

### **Application process:**

Applicants for *Discovery Research Grants* should submit a letter of intent (LOI) that will be reviewed to determine suitability for full application. EvansMDS will issue a request for a full proposal to those investigators submitting LOIs found to be of interest.

The LOI shall consist of the following items, which will be shared with a panel of MDS experts (the Reviewing Committee):

1. *Cover Letter* (limited to one page) – The cover letter should include a description of the specific aims that will be addressed by the project and how achieving these will advance the treatment of MDS patients.
2. *Description of the Project* (limited to one page) - The description should describe the experimental strategy that will be used to achieve the specific aims described in the cover letter.
3. *Cited References* (optional, limited to one page, may be included on the *Description of the Project* page).
4. NIH-style Bio sketch for the Principal Investigator (PI).

Applicants must be established independent investigators with a tenure-track or tenured appointment at the Assistant Professor level (or equivalent), or higher, at a recognized non-profit institution in the United States.

Letters of intent are due **January 31, 2018** and will be reviewed by the Reviewing Committee and the Foundation. All documents must be submitted in electronic form, in a single pdf file, by email, to [grants@epefoundation.org](mailto:grants@epefoundation.org).

Applicants selected for a full proposal will be notified in early March. The deadline for submission of the full proposals will be in early April. It is intended that funding will be initiated by **September 1, 2018**.

*Investigators currently funded by the Edward P. Evans Foundation are welcome to apply.*